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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 31, 2004

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Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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In re Application of: Jeffrey A. Brown, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING AND  
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Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.  Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated March 31, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

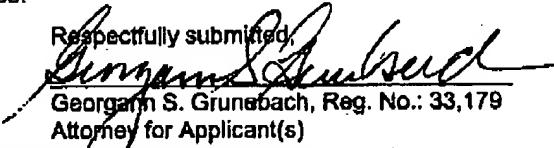
No additional fee for claims is required.

The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus	3** =	0 x	\$ 86.00	\$	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			0 +	\$ 290.00	\$	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:						\$000.00

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Respectfully submitted,

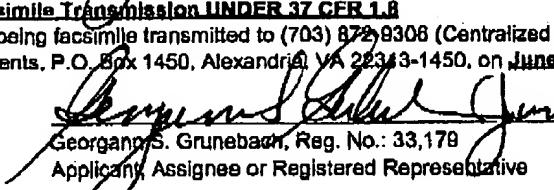
  
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- > Amendment Transmittal
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